



December 14, 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

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In response to your notification 2018-063, we hereby submit our initial comments on aspects of the scope and content of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

1. The current 2011-2020 Strategic Plan is comprehensive and has ambitious vision, goals and targets, and can serve as a sound basis for developing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
2. Regarding the possible targets for the post-2020 framework, Israel would like to propose inclusion of a target on the nexus between human health and biodiversity. In our view, the various aspects of the positive effects of biodiversity and of resilient ecosystems on physical and mental health, which are reflected, *inter alia*, in COP decisions XII/21 and XIII/3 and XIV/L4, should be given further focus. Specifically, we suggest highlighting mainstreaming biodiversity into the health sector.
3. [Additionally, Israel would like to suggest that in the post-2020 framework, based on Aichi target 15, a further focus is given to the synergies between resilient and functioning ecosystems and adaptation to climate change, for example through enhancing connectivity.]
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Yours

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